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WITHOUT A DOUBT.

Over a hundred congressmen wrote letters of sympathy to the late Congressman Lull, disapproving the way in which his inquiry was treated and he was persecuted under "Cannon rules."—Norwich Bulletin.

Yes, and it's a pity to doubt that those of that hundred still in congress voted by a large majority last week to sustain Cannon and the rules.—Bridgport Standard.

AMERICA'S CONTRIBUTION TO CANADA.

America's best and greatest contribution to Canada is the men who are going into the northwest under its inviting immigration laws and developing the country. This immigration began to take form in 1897 when 2,432 people crossed the border. During 1909 the number increased to 35,722, constituting almost two-fifths of the Canadian immigration for that year. Between January 1, 1897, and March 31, 1909, out of a total of 1,345,593 immigrants, 428,416 were from the United States. Of this number 259,693 entered Canada within the last six years. During 1907-1908 the American immigration to Canada was valued at \$1,000,000 in cash and settlers' effects, a trifle less than \$1,000 a head, including women and children. A classification of these immigrants shows that 193,740 were farmers and farm laborers, 12,638 mechanics, 7,236 clerks, traders, etc., \$369 miners and 481 domestic.

To promote the coming of farmers, the Canadian government pays a bonus to agents who influence bona fide settlers of \$3 on persons 18 years old and over, and 10 shillings between 16 and 18 years old, while the commission is paid of \$3 a man, \$2 a woman, and \$1 on a child.

Attention is called to the fact that the rich farming lands of the south are more promising than those of the Canadian northwest, and with greater security to life, and like enterprise they ought to attract our own people south for the development of the country. Some day that will be an inviting section of the country and will become more thickly populated.

FREIGHT CLASSIFICATION.

The suggestion of the Railway Age Gazette that freight should be divided into three classes at three distinct rates based upon the rapidity of the service appears to receive a favorable hearing from those who know the value of despatch and are willing to increase the rate of freight. Under the present system the big shipper gets all the advantage and the small patron most of the delay. It is very generally conceded that any plan that will furnish rapid government freight at fair rates should benefit both the shippers and the roads, and the man who devises and executes it will deserve a monument for his services in the cause of transportation.

WHAT A SYMPATHETIC STRIKE INVOLVES.

Those who look squarely at the sympathetic strike will find no justice in it, but it does furnish a new device of lunacy. The sympathetic strike in Philadelphia has ended and the strikers have gone to work.

The injustice of it is thus set forth by a Philadelphia paper:

"The sympathetic strike, therefore, was against liberal employers who were not even remotely involved in the strike."

"It involved the wilful violation of solemn contracts, with consequent dishonor to the men."

"It entailed measureless discomfort, inconvenience and hardship upon a friendly public."

"It caused cruel privation to the wives and families of the workmen involved."

"It weakened public confidence in the good sense, the honesty and the honor of organized labor."

"Finally, as a glance at the Philadelphia situation shows it was of little, if any, assistance to the striking trolley-men."

"The sympathetic strike was a war against the innocent and the uninvolved in passion and injustice, waged without regard to sacred obligation, and ended in merited failure."

This is the whole story in a nutshell. The sympathetic strike added misery to misery and showed not a single redeeming quality.

UNCLEAN POLITICS.

New that Philadelphia has lost millions as the result of an ill-advised and disorderly strike, it is proclaimed that "it was the most loathsome of politics which brought about the conditions breeding and causing the strike."

Unclean politics helped the gang of unscrupulous capitalists to fight off settlement and infuriate the strikers to violence until there was a loss sufficient which would warrant repudiation of financial obligations and consequent reorganization of the company.

The executive council of the State Federation of Labor not only condemns the sympathetic strike except as a last resort; but as an infallible and certain remedy for the evils from which Philadelphia is suffering, "calls on every citizen to drop his usual occupation next election day and strike at the ballot box for clean politics and honest government." It is well said that "clean politics can utterly destroy the gang which runs the City of Brotherly Love. Honest government can force the punishment of high-handed financiers, fair treatment of workmen and decent service for the public. The Federation has the cure in its hands."

THE MODERN SIGN OF SPRING.

Out west the real estate agent is said to be the rival of the robin as a sign of spring, and if he has not the song or the familiar form of the robin, he has an energy and a voice with which the robin cannot compete.

A western exchange says: "If you are one who responds to the call of the open air, you will never lack for the sight or sign of your fellowmen in the borders of the town. Far off you hear a shout and behold a figure waving his arms. You nod patiently over seeping paths and sodden fields and are greeted with the information that no land is so inviting and desirable for suburban residence as that whereon you have just put your foot. You saunter along an outlying road, meditating, maybe, upon the mystery of the life-producing soil. At a turn in the road your dream is broken in upon by a huge, heavily-lettered, vermilion-painted board proclaiming that now is your last chance to obtain a bargain in land."

There is no time while the sun shines that the real estate agent does not keep himself before the public, and while, robbin redbreast sings down the sun, the real estate agent is at it under the stars.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

To see the comet it is necessary to get up early in the morning. It is now near the rising sun.

Governor Stubbs of Kansas says the tree is man's best friend. He profits by it as if it was.

The value of the work of an artist doubles after his death. His skill is a menace to his own works of art.

IN 1913, EASTER WILL COME IN MARCH.

On March 23, it will occur in March but five times in this century.

The democrats are now trying to establish the claim that Grover Cleveland was the real father of conservation.

Dr. Elliot believes opportunity knocks more than once at a man's door. He thinks every year presents its opportunity.

President Taft would like to see an eight-hour day; but he has no hopes of getting a day less than double these hours.

All legislatures that make a hot rush are surprised by the dough-nut appearance of many of the laws passed.

Happy thought for today: Pure goods are all right, and they are as readily identified without a label as pure love.

Everybody is not dropping a white ball into the Ballinger box. He may be as white as those dropping the black balls.

President Roosevelt is invited to become a Tennessee farmer. Should he accept, the night riders should go out of business.

It is noticeable that Speaker Cannon is not given to nervous prostration. There is no doubt he could stand a great deal more.

Professor Munsterberg discerns that the woman is the head of the house in this country; and no man rises to dispute with him.

With ten days to spare, it looks as if Western would reach New York with ease, and one not likely soon to be beaten by a man of his years.

An exchange says: "If Chicago goes dry in April, we shall begin to take some stock in the prediction that the world is coming to an end in 1912."

It is not thought that the loss of a pension of \$1,000 a year will worry Roosevelt. His words are golden and are likely to be for some time to come.

When Roosevelt left the White house he said he had a corking good time; and it may be assumed safely that this is the kind of a time he's been having in Africa.

The editor of the Baltimore American is fresh when he asks: Will the Easter bunny grace as fair a face as in Maryland? Yes, indeed. It did right in the Rose of New England.

NEW BOOKS.

Otis' Ruth of Boston. By James Otis. Cloth, 12mo, 160 pages, with illustrations. American Book Company, New York. Price, 35 cents.

This supplementary reader gives the story of the early days of Boston as seen through a little girl's eyes. The incidents are nearly all historical facts, but are only such as a child might not see or learn by hearsay. The book describes entertainingly her feelings on the first view of America, the moving of the town from Charlestown to the bay to Boston, the parties she attended and the towns she wore, as well as more important and dramatic events, such as the time of famine, the troubles with the Indians, the starting of a school, and the household duties of the day. The style is as charming as that of a fairy tale.

Otis' Mary of Plymouth. By James Otis. Cloth, 12mo, 156 pages, with illustrations. American Book Company, New York. Price, 35 cents.

Written by one of the most popular authors of juvenile books, this supplementary reader tells the story of the daily home life of the colonists from the time they set sail on the Mayflower to the time they were settled in Plymouth. It is a story of the life of a little girl, Mary, who was born in England, and who came to America with her father, of encounters with Indians, both friendly and unfriendly, of fires kindled without matches and bread baked without ovens, of spoons formed from clam shells and dishes from punked wood, of a school where school kept in the fort, of the long hours of preaching in the meeting house, of feast days and fast days, and of a wonderful trip in a shallop to Salem.

Stove Cement. Said the house-keeper, as she proceeded to mix a black paste in a saucepan, "I am getting ready to mend a crack in the lid of my stove. I was taught this a few years ago in the country, and have found the economy most satisfactory. I make a paste of an egg beaten up and then mixed with ordinary sand, and smooth it well in place. The cement hardens admirably, and after the stove has been polished a few times it is almost impossible to see the defect."

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Needlework suggestions.

One of the nicest and most enjoyable kinds of fancy work is Japanese stencil-needlework. The designs are after the regular stenciled patterns as adopted by the Japanese and the work is wholly different from our own conventional patterns. Line drawing has its origin in the oriental drawings, and no nation offers more graceful patterns for fabrics, china and the like than the Japanese. The designs are simple and the work is easily adapted to them as artistic bits of arrangement in drapery and other home decorations.

Bretelles.

Bretelle trimmings continue to be extremely popular and are seen on a large number of ultra-smart French bodices.

In some instances the bretelles are composed wholly of folds which, starting from the waist line, but concealing the sides of the bodice, extend widely over the shoulders and for some distance over the sleeves.

The Japanese arm-size idea is still seen on the arrangement of those bretelles which, being of the material of the gown, are made to form the entire short sleeve, the narrow space or V at the back and front of the bodice being filled in with a deep shade of contrasting lace, whose supplementary sleeves often extend well over the hand.

A type of bretelle which ultimately becomes a sash is one which, being so draped over the shoulders as to leave the tops of the sleeves and the under-arm forms of the bodice exposed, is attached to a draped grille that at the back holds in the two long sash ends of the accessory.

Molasses Cookies.

Put a teaspoonful of soda into a large cup, add four tablespoonfuls of shortening, three tablespoonfuls of hot water and fill the cup with good molasses. Turn into a bowl, add cinnamon and ginger to suit, and if lard has been used, add a little salt. Put in flour to make a dough that is not too stiff. Roll out and cut and bake.

To Clean Jewelry.

With all its trials the wedding ring is bright, for house and hall it is there, being no better treatment than soap and water for either plain gold or silver jewelry. If it is much tarnished, warm water, a little soap lather and a soft brush for articles of intricate workmanship, with a brisk rub at finish on tissue paper, is the recipe for brooches, chains and bangles.

Considering the simplicity it seems that many women appear contented to wear chains and necklets so dirty that they not only soil the neck and light gowns but the flesh itself.

For cleaning all pieces of jewelry, after repairs or otherwise, the box-wood sawdust is ordinarily employed. To use this the trinket is shaken in it, care being taken that it is well embedded in the soft dust. A fine polishing is administered with tissue paper, not amolus leather—the latter being usually reserved for watch cases, chased smelling bottles, stoppers and what may be called large surfaces.

Concerning Gloves.

The elbow sleeves bring the 16-button gloves.

The fondation of the roses depends upon the folding of the lace round a given center—upon the feeling of the work. It may be a thing of beauty, a triumph of art such as the French milliner will bring forth by her genius, or a mere thing of vanity.

The silk gloves have a new touch in the embroidered wristings.

For street wear chamolus gloves continue to hold their own.

Sausages with Fried Apples.

Take a pound of sausage meat and six apples. Cut four of the apples into thin slices. Fry with the sausage meat in a skillet. Lay the sausage in the center of the dish, with the apples around. Garnish with the quartered apples.

Grilled Breast of Lamb.

Score the top of the breast and brush it over with the beaten yolk of an egg. Dredge with salt and pepper and then cover with a layer of sifted bread crumbs. Put in the oven, baking every 15 minutes. When done, garnish with currant jelly and serve with caper sauce.

HOME GARMENT MAKING.

The Bulletin's Pattern Service.

Paris Pattern No. 3192 — All Seams Allowed.

Of most graceful design is the dressing sack here shown, which is a very different garment from the clumsy, unbecoming garments which went by this name some years ago. As shown, the sack is made of dotted Swiss, and is trimmed with frilled edging, lace insertion and pink ribbon. Challis, cotton crepe, China silk, cashmere, lawn or organza are all suitable for the development of this design. If desired, the collar may be made of contrasting material.

The pattern is cut in four sizes—12 to 14 inches bust measure. For the 32 bust the sack requires 2 1/2 yards of material 36 inches wide, with 1/2 yard of insertion and 3/4 yard of edging. Be sure to give accurate measurements. Price of pattern, 2 cents. Order through The Bulletin Company, Pattern Dept., Norwich, Conn.

Girdle with Sash Ends.

Girdles with sash ends are very popular.

Some of them tie in front, some in the back and some on the sides.

Style is in the sash ends, in all shapes and widths of ribbon.

Girdles are an important feature of the costume, and good fit and good style in this little accessory are worth consideration.

Materials for Suits.

Meteor and all clinging materials will be used for costumes for formal occasions, while basket weaves in the latest styles will be in vogue for simpler models.

The coats of these suits will be short.

Puff at Elbow.

Sleeves of the newest models of blouses and sport wear show a slight fullness at the elbow.

THINGS TO KNOW.

If collar stays scratch the neck, a little white sealing wax melted and applied to the ends of the stays where they have broken through the casings will easily relieve the trouble.

When a small clock is beyond repair do not throw it away, but keep for sick room use. Set the hands each time medicine is given to the hour when the next dose is to be given.

A pinch of cream of tartar added to sugar before boiling makes best frosting for cakes delicious and creamy.

Postal Card Cases.

Make of linen and bind with ribbon a case in the form of an envelope about an inch longer and wider than the regular picture postal card. Write on paper the words "postal cards" and trace outline sketch.

The initials may be worked on the flap, which fastens with a loop and buttons or a snap.

If the case is designed for a room it may be made of brown linen, if for traveling, of old blue or light greens.

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